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11. (SBU) On August 29, 2006, post followed up on reftel B demarche with Ms. Oracha Tanakorn, Legal Officer at the Department of Treaties and Legal Affairs, Thailand Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Ms. Oracha explained that a committee consisting of representatives from each of the involved departments at the MFA would need to convene to discuss the ILC elections before a formal recommendation can be made, but a meeting date is yet to be determined. Ms. Oracha remarked that given Mr. Michael Matheson's "high qualifications," Thai concurrence "should not be a problem." However, she noted that this is "not a guarantee" but the committee will take into account "Thailand's good relationship and friendship with the United States, and Mr. Matheson's qualifications" when considering his candidacy.

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